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POLAND: Troops Recalled

The decision to withdraw troops sent to the countryside only four weeks ago may reflect the regime's desire to maintain popular regard for the Army. The troops did not succeed in removing bottlenecks in the economy, and the regime may have calculated that it already had gained as much benefit as possible from this show of determination. These reasons must have been compelling enough for party chief Jaruzelski to order the withdrawal and risk giving the appearance of vacillation and poor leadership.

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